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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Applicant : Martin Blöcker, et al.  
Filed : July 17, 2003  
Art Unit : 1756  
Examiner : Stephen D. Rosasco  
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Effects in the Etching of Photomasks  
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S i r :

Responsive to the Office Action dated November 3, 2005 kindly amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 9 of this paper.